

# Silky Dogwood

*Cornus amomum*



<b>Type</b>	Deciduous Shrub
<b>Height</b>	6 - 12 Feet
<b>Spread</b>	6 - 12 Feet
<b>Form</b>	Mounded
<b>Utilities</b>	Compatible
<b>Growth Rate</b>	Fast
<b>Life Expectancy</b>	Short
<b>USDA Zone</b>	4 - 7
<b>Root Type</b>	Fibrous Shallow

## Plant Community

<b>Sun</b>	Full Sun
<b>Orientation</b>	All Orientations
<b>Soil Texture</b>	Sand through Clay

<b>Soil Water Holding Capacity</b>	Mesic or Hydric
<b>Topography</b>	Lowland - stable water or Lowland - flood prone
<b>Plant Community</b>	Forest, Wooded Swamp, Bog, Dune, Forest Edge, Inland Fresh Meadow, Grassland or Old Field
<b>Succession</b>	Pioneer

<b>Origin</b>	MSA Zone 1, MSA Zone 2, MSA Zone 6, Minnesota or North America
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### Flowers/Foliage/Fruit

<b>Flower Color</b>	White
<b>Flower Season</b>	Summer
<b>Fruit</b>	Drupe
<b>Fruit Color</b>	Blue
<b>Fruit Season</b>	Summer

<b>Summer Texture</b>	Medium
<b>Winter Texture</b>	Medium
<b>Spring Foliage</b>	Green
<b>Summer Foliage</b>	Green
<b>Fall Foliage</b>	Red
<b>Winter Foliage</b>	Not Applicable



### Soils

<b>Salt Spray</b>	Sensitive
<b>Soil Salt</b>	
<b>Compaction</b>	Tolerant
<b>Water Table</b>	12 Inches
<b>Drainage</b>	Moderate or Poor
<b>Flood Tolerance</b>	Tolerant
<b>Drought Tolerance</b>	Sensitive
<b>Moisture Regime</b>	Moist or Wet
<b>pH</b>	6.1 through 8.5

### Planting Ease

<b>Spring Bareroot</b>	Easy
<b>Fall Bareroot</b>	Difficult
<b>Spring Container</b>	Easy
<b>Fall Container</b>	Easy
<b>Spring Seed</b>	
<b>Fall Seed</b>	

**Windbreak Group** WSG1, WSG2, WSG20, WSG2W or WSG3

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### **Maintenance**

<b>Formal</b>	Moderate
<b>Informal</b>	Low
<b>2, 4-D Tolerance</b>	Sensitive
<b>DicambaTolerance</b>	Sensitive
<b>PicloramTolerance</b>	Sensitive
<b>Clopyralid Tolerance</b>	
<b>Artificial Light</b>	Sensitive
<b>Sulfur Dioxide</b>	
<b>Ozone Tolerance</b>	Moderate
<b>Hydrogen Flouride</b>	Tolerant
<b>Nitrogen Oxide</b>	

### **Pests/Problems**

**Allergens** both sexes 5

**Invasivness**

**Toxicity**

**Cold Injury** Frequent

**Storm Damage** Infrequent

**Biological Control**

**Mechanical Control**

**Chemical Control**

### **Miscellaneous**

**Wildlife Rating** High

**Insect Concerns** Minor

**Disease Concerns** Minor

**Wildlife Concerns** Deer

### **Comments**

Native rounded shrub in low woods, along streams, and borders of swamps. Good for naturalized areas. Bird-attracting fruit is bluish with blotches. Young branches are reddish-purple, older branches are brownish-purple.